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MODERNISING COAL MINES IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to shut down several coal projects in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) the quantity of coal in tonnes extracted from the coal mines of Maharashtra during each of the last two years;

(d) whether the production has decreased;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to modernise the coal mines of Maharashtra?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b) The Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) proposes to close down Chanda Rayatwari UG and Chargaon OC mines due to exhaustion of coal reserves.

(c) The quantity of coal extracted by WCL from the coal mines in Maharashtra during 2003-04 and 2004-05 was 32.91 Million Tonnes and 34.53 Million Tonnes respectively.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise, in view of the reply to part (d) above.

(f) WCL has adopted use of intermediate technology such as application of Side Discharge Loaders (SDL) and Load Haul Dumpers (LHD) in existing underground mines wherever conditions permit. This technology is also proposed to be used in the new underground mines being planned. WCL is also examining the possibility of introduction of mass production technology in some more underground mines in view of its success in Tandsi UG mine.